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Project 36.2378, Trends in the Electronics Industry of East Germany, 1953-60.

1. This project ably exploits the relatively plentiful East German data and should make a substantial contribution to the intelligence community. Without doubt it merits publication.

2. The study suggests that despite its need for electronics equipment, the Bloc made limited use of East German capabilities. If correct, this factor should be further emphasized in the Conclusions and Summary. The Summary should also give the comparative size of the industry in relation to that of the USSR, but some of the detailed information on yearly growth could be generalized in order to shorten the Summary a little.

3. The choices between what to place in the body of the report and the appendix have been such as to encourage wide consumption and on the whole are to be commended. As noted in the detailed comments, additional graphics might well be used at several points and would facilitate understanding of the conclusions. I was not able to follow completely the computation of the Mark-Dollar ratios and would like to see your work sheets on these calculations.

4. On the whole, the project is in excellent shape and it would be my hope that we could now complete it with dispatch. I shall of course be happy to discuss these suggestions with you and Dick at your convenience.

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Attachment: Comments and Suggestions

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